



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 321

January Session, 2007

Substitute House Bill No. 5521

House of Representatives, April 4, 2007

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through REP. FELTMAN of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR MUNICIPAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-148v of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

3 Notwithstanding the provisions of any municipal charter or any
4 special act, [to the contrary,] any municipality may, by ordinance,
5 establish requirements for competitive bidding for the award of any
6 contract or the purchase of any real or personal property by the
7 municipality. Such ordinance may provide that, except as otherwise
8 required by any provision of the general statutes, sealed bidding shall
9 not be required for contracts or purchases having a value less than or
10 equal to an amount established in the ordinance, which amount shall
11 not be greater than [seven thousand five hundred] fifteen thousand
12 dollars. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to invalidate any
13 ordinance enacted by a municipality prior to October 1, 1989.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	7-148v
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PD *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
Various Municipalities	Savings	Potential Minimal	Potential Minimal

Explanation

This bill increases, from \$7,500 to \$15,000, the maximum value of contracts or purchases that a municipality can exempt from its sealed bidding requirements. By raising the sealed bid threshold municipalities may conduct fewer sealed bids, and could achieve an administrative savings on certain contracts and purchases.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future.

OLR Bill Analysis

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COMPETITIVE BIDDING.***

SUMMARY:

This bill increases, from \$7,500 to \$15,000, the maximum value of contracts or property purchases that a municipality can exempt, by ordinance, from its sealed bidding requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2007

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/19/2007)